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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO/SB/08a form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

These references were cited in at least one of an Office Action issued on June 30, 2009 and an Office Action issued on July 1, 2009, in connection with Japanese applications JP 2006-119649 and JP 2007-189281, respectively. Copies of the foreign references and available English counterparts thereof are attached, as are copies of the two Japanese office actions.

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